ESF 2007-2013 Ex-Post evaluation

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Questionnaire

Please consult the background document as it provides useful information on the European Social Fund (ESF) during the 2007-2013 programming period

A. Data on respondents

1. I am responding:

- ◯ As an individual citizen
- ⊗ In the name of my organisation

If responding on behalf of your organisation, choose one of the following options:

- ⊗ State institution (such as Ministry, Agency, Regional /Local administration)
- ◯ Other public organisation (such as research institute)
- ◯ Trade union, Business association or federation thereof
- ◯ NGO
- ◯ Commercial Organisation/ company
- ◯ Pan-European interest group
- ◯ Other

Please specify

Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

If registered in the EU transparency register, please provide the registration number

Where are you based / Where is your organisation registered?

- ◯ Austria
- ◯ Belgium
- ◯ Bulgaria
- ◯ Croatia

- ○ Cyprus
- ○ Czech Republic
- ○ Denmark
- ○ Estonia
- ○ Finland
- ○ France
- ○ Germany
- ○ Greece
- ○ Hungary
- ○ Ireland
- ○ Italy
- ○ Latvia
- ○ Lithuania
- ○ Luxembourg
- ○ Malta
- X Netherlands
- ○ Other non EU countries
- ○ Poland
- ○ Portugal
- ○ Romania
- ○ Slovakia
- ○ Slovenia
- ○ Spain
- ○ Sweden
- ○ UK

* **Your name or the name of the business/organisation/institution on behalf of which you are responding**

How should we publish your response?

- X In full (I consent to the publication of any information in my completed form, including my identity).
- ○ Anonymously (I consent to the publication of any information in my completed form, apart from my name/the name of my organisation, the e-mail/contact address provided and the Transparency Register ID)
- ○ Not at all (My response will not be published. It will NOT be used by the Commission for analysis and aggregation purposes)

Contact e-mail addres:
The email address will be used only in case a clarification of the responses is required.

2. What was your role in the ESF 2007-2013 programming period?

- [ ] Individual participant receiving ESF support
- [ ] Organisation receiving ESF support
- [ ] Project promoter delivering ESF support to individual participants or organisations
- [x] Managing, Certifying or Audit Authority, Intermediate Body, Coordinating body for EU funds
- [ ] Social partner or other member of the Monitoring Committee
- [ ] None of the above

In which theme(s) were you involved?

Please choose one or several of the following options:

For more details on the content of these areas, see the background document.

- [ ] None
- [x] Human capital
- [x] Access to employment
- [x] Social inclusion
- [ ] Institutional capacity
- [ ] Promoting partnerships

B. Questions on the ESF 2007-2013 programming period

Which Member State(s) do your answers relate to?

- [ ] The entire EU
- [ ] Austria
- [ ] Belgium
- [ ] Bulgaria
- [ ] Croatia
- [ ] Cyprus
- [ ] Czech Republic
- [ ] Denmark
- [ ] Estonia
- [ ] Finland
- [ ] France
- [ ] Germany
- [ ] Greece
- [ ] Hungary
- [ ] Ireland
- [ ] Italy
- [ ] Latvia
- [ ] Lithuania
- [ ] Luxembourg
- [ ] Malta
- [x] Netherlands
- [ ] Poland
- [ ] Portugal

- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Slovakia
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ UK

1. During the 2007-2013 programming period, ESF programmes were designed to address key challenges in the area of:

Select the appropriate options for each area
(For a more detailed description of areas please see the consultation background document)

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Human capital	○	X	○	○	○	○
Access to employment	○	X	○	○	○	○
Social inclusion	○	X	○	○	○	○
Institutional capacity	○	○	○	○	○	○
Promoting partnerships	○	○	○	○	○	○

2. During the 2007-2013 programming period, the ESF helped to mitigate the effects of the economic and financial crisis:
Select one option:

- ○ I strongly agree
- X I agree
- ○ Neutral
- ○ I disagree
- ○ I strongly disagree
- ○ Do not know / Not applicable

3. During the 2007- 2013 period, ESF interventions contributed to strengthening economic and social cohesion in the following areas:
(For more details on the areas, please see the consultation background document)
Select the appropriate options for each area:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable

Human capital		X				
Access to employment		X				
Social inclusion		X				
Institutional capacity						
Promoting partnerships						

4. During the 2007-2013 programming period, ESF support to individuals and organisations was successful in achieving the following results:
Select the appropriate options for each type of result:

a) Results for individual participants receiving ESF support

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Gaining an employment, including self-employment		X				
Gaining a qualification		X				
Improving working conditions of the employed in the labour market (from fixed to permanent work, better work-life balance, promotions due to acquired skills)		X				
Improving the skills and competences of teachers and educators		X				

Other results (please specify)

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b) Results for organisations

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Supporting start-ups	○	○	○	○	○	X
Rising competitiveness and adaptability of enterprises	○	X	○	○	○	○
Developing new qualifications, courses, training programmes, standards or systems	○	○	○	○	○	X
Improving public administration effectiveness and/or efficiency	○	○	○	○	○	X

Other results (please specify)

2000 character(s) maximum

supporting social innovation in organisations

5. During the 2007-2013 programming period, the ESF was cost-effective (results were commensurate with the resources used) in the following areas:

(For more details on the areas, please see the consultation background document)
Select the appropriate options for each area:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Human capital		X				
Access to employment		X				
Social inclusion		X				
Institutional capacity						X
Promoting partnerships						X

6. During the 2007-2013 programming period, the administrative requirements to manage the ESF projects and programmes were
Select the appropriate options for each domain:

	Too light	Appropriate	Excessive	Do not know / Not applicable
Design of Operational programmes		X		
Designation of authorities		X		
Set-up of management and control system			X	
Selection of projects		X		
Implementation of projects		X		
Reporting		X		
Communication		X		
Audit			X	

Evaluation		X		

7. During the 2007-2013 programming period, ESF programmes were complementary to other EU funds (i.e.: European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund, etc.) in the following areas:

(For more details on the areas, please see the consultation background document)
Select the appropriate options for each area:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Human capital			X			
Access to employment			X			
Social inclusion			X			
Institutional capacity						X
Promoting partnerships						X

8. During 2007-2013 programming period, the ESF has provided support to target groups whose needs would otherwise have been insufficiently addressed by national or regional programmes or support schemes:

Select the appropriate options for each target group:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Unemployed			X			
Employed			X			
Inactive			X			
Long Term Unemployed			X			
Migrants			X			
Minorities such as Roma			X			
Disabled			X			
Other disadvantaged			X			
Young people (15-24)			X			
NEETs: Young people not in employment, education or training (up to 25-year-old)			X			

Older workers (55-64 years)			x			
Women			x			
People with educational attainment below secondary level			x			
People with secondary and higher educational attainment						x

9. During the 2007-2013 programming period, the ESF allowed to test and implement innovative activities (i.e.: pilot schemes of new types of support, new tools and methods of delivering support, new ways of working between stakeholders, etc.) in the following areas:

(For more details on the areas, please see the consultation *background document)*
Select the appropriate options for each area:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Human capital		X				
Access to employment		X				
Social inclusion		X				
Institutional capacity						X
Promoting partnerships						X

If you would like to mention one or several new types of support or delivery mechanisms implemented thanks to the ESF, please describe it (them) here:

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10. During the 2007-2013 programming period, the ESF was instrumental in supporting structural reforms in the following areas:

(For more details on the areas, please see the consultation *background document)*
Select the appropriate options for each area:

	I strongly agree	I agree	Neutral	I disagree	I strongly disagree	Do not know / Not applicable
Human capital		X				
Access to employment				X		
Social inclusion				X		
Institutional capacity						X

Promoting partnerships	○	○	○	○	○	x

If there were structural reforms supported by the ESF you wish to mention, please fill the line below.

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